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STEFFEN'S DISCOVERY.

At last we are to know whether our government is really our own or not. Lincoln Steffens, of graft disclosing fame, is now in Washington investigating this important question. Mr. Steffens's first discovery as set forth in The Indianapolis News last Saturday evening, is that the President's boss is Theodore Roosevelt. This disclosure is not surprising but it will be surprising when the Senate's turn comes to be investigated if very many of that august body are found to be their own bosses.

DEPEW'S OVATION.

The New York Herald states that Senator Chauncey M. Depew will receive an ovation if he is present in the Senate today. This certainly proves that the majority of our senators do not carry life insurance policies. One's imagination would not have to be stretched very far to picture the kind of ovation Senator Depew would receive from a Senate composed of Equitable life insurance policy holders.

UNSATISFACTORY WEATHER?

Although the coal trust may be dissatisfied with the present spring-like appearance of the weather, it may be safely stated that the coal consuming public is not.

WILL TAKE ACTION
TOMORROW NIGHTSouth Side Improvement Association
Will Look Into Lloyd
Factory Project.

The South Side Improvement Association will take action at its meeting tomorrow night in regard to the letter received from the Lloyd Manufacturing Company who wishes to locate in the city. Not much is known regarding the concern but if investigation shows it to be a plant that will be of benefit to the city, action will be taken to have it located here as soon as possible.

PAY CHECKS ARE
NOW COMING INC. C. & L. Employees Get Money
Several Days After It Is
Due Them.

The pay checks for the employees of the C. C. & L. Ry., are commencing to arrive, and several of the men have been paid up to date. The checks were due on the 15th of the month but for the past two months have been arriving several days late each time. The employees are not greatly worried over the situation although they say that it inconveniences them.

WAYNE COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The program for the Wayne County Agricultural and Horticultural society for the year 1906 has been arranged. Following is a list of the dates and places of meeting and the essayists.

February 10—Court house, annual dinner.

March 10—Court house, Supt. C. W. Jordan.

April 14—Court house, Perry J. Freeman.

May 12—Court house, Richmond High School Chorus.

June 9—Reidston, Virginia C. Meredith.

July 14—Home of Lizzie Mayhew, Harriett Valentine.

August 11—Home of Isaac G. Dougan, Judge L. C. Abbott.

September 8—Jackson park, Judge W. C. Converse.

October 13—Court house, Prof. D. W. Dennis.

November 10—Court house, Rev. H. H. Hadley.

December 8—Court house, election of officers.

Standing Committees.

The following committees have been named:

Executive Committee—Isaac G. Dougan, ex-officio; Sanford Henning,

Wallace C. Reynolds, Stephen Kuth, Caleb W. King, Thomas Elleman, Mary Dickinson, Lizzie Mayhew, Essie Burgess, Ella Kenworthy, and Jennie Kuth.

Agriculture—Captain W. H. Lough Oliver Burgess, Caleb W. King, Clinton Shurley, Wallace C. Reynolds, and George H. Smith.

Fruits—Nathan F. Garwood, Stephen Kuth, John P. Norris, Thomas Elleman and Joseph C. Ratliff.

Vegetables—T. Evans Kenworthy, Sanford Henning, Levi Fulghum, David W. Scott and Frank J. Brown.

Flowers—Hannah Grave, Agnes King, Harriett Fulghum, Helen V. Austin, Flora Branson and Essie Burgess.

Dairy and Culinary—Hannah Norris, Ella Kenworthy, Lizzie King, Rose Reynolds and Walter Ratliff.

Miscellaneous—Randa Runnels, Laura Kitson, Lizzie Mayhew, Ruth Ann Ratliff and Eva Stever.

Special Committees.

Statistics—Hon. Joseph C. Ratliff.

Ornithology—Prof. Cyrus W. Hodgins and Walter S. Ratliff.

Membership—Lizzie Mayhew, Fannie Carrington, Lea Lamb, Mary Henning, Eli Jay and Frank M. Clark.

DIME NOVELS BRINGS HANDSOME RETURNS

(New York Tribune.)

"Dime and half-dime novel writing may not be considered very dignified work by literary people generally, but it has come to be a good source of income to me," said a self-possessed and energetic young newspaper woman the other day. "Before I took up that style of writing I tried hard to obtain recognition as an author of magazine stories, but without any success whatever. Then a friend suggested that I try sensational boys' literature. I took her advice, wrote such a story and sent it off. It was accepted at once, and from that day I have been a writer of flashy literature. I make a good thing out of it, too, for besides my newspaper and other work, I turn out on an average six novels every month, for which I receive about twenty-five dollars each," she continued.

"These cheap stories are invariably written under pressure and with little chance for revision or correction. Occasionally a mistake in grammar appears in the finished product, a sentence may be badly constructed or a phrase may be wrongly injected, but on the whole the story, when turned over to the publisher, is complete in its way, and compares favorably as a literary production with much that is printed in the second-class story papers. From the time dime novels first made their appearance up to the present day, they have been condemned by parents and teachers as unfit reading matter to place in the hands of the young, and the writers of such literature are looked upon with disfavor—when they are known. But such stories, while they may deal with people and situations that are improbable, never touch upon the impossible, and are absolutely free from vulgarity and impurity.

"The tales may have no foundation in truth, but they must be made up of incidents and events altogether within the realm of possibility, else they will be rejected by the publishers. Events that go to make up the narrative may be as improbable as the writer cares to make them. If the detective in the story suddenly appears in the midst of the gang of villains he has been following for days, as they are gathered in some secret stronghold, the writer must describe minutely how he managed to reach the spot; if some aerial contrivance is set afloat, the reader must have an idea of how it is sustained above the earth, and what forms its motive power; if in a few hours the hero of a story covers on horseback 200 miles of rough, impassable trail, the reader wants to know whether rider passed through a secret, underground short-cut, or used relays of fast horses, or he will not be satisfied with the story. Make the event as improbable as you like—the more improbable the better—but stick to the possible.

"How do we get ideas for stories? Why, with our eyes and ears open we can find them every day and everywhere—in the street, in the theatres, but principally in the newspapers. An event of unusual importance occurs; a brutal crime is committed, a great diamond robbery takes place, and there is a plot which, when worked out, forms the nucleus around which the tale is built. Dime novel

stories are all alike in some particulars. There are always villains and heroes and an exciting series of events that lead to the denouement of the bad ones and the rewarding of the upright characters. Sometimes, there is a girl in the story, but a tale without a spark of love in it and never a mention of a female has as good a chance of success as one brimming with sentiment.

"Publishers like to have writers upon whom they can depend, and who can produce just the kind of stories that may be wanted at a particular time. A man or woman who can be looked to for a certain amount of good exciting literature every month rarely has anything rejected. If a tale now and then should not come quite up to the mark it is accepted because of what the writer has done and can do. Much of the work is done on orders. Something of great human interest will occur, like the Spanish-American war, the Chinese war, the recent struggle between Russia and Japan, or the sinking of a great steamer. No one knows how long such an event will hold first place on the pages of the pages of the daily newspaper, so the dime novel publisher must get stories bearing upon these matters out before the public interest centers on something else. As soon as the publisher conceives the idea that a certain event ought to be the basis of a novel or two, he communicates his wishes to three or four of his readiest writers, who will be urged to make all possible haste.

"Some of these workers are engaged through the day and must do their writing at night. With seeping rare intuition they grasp their employer's idea, evolve a plot, group about it a number of thrilling experiences, and at the first opportunity seat themselves at a desk or in front of a typewriter and go to work. The first sentence in these stories is often the beginning of a conversation which will hold the reader's attention or else a terse vigorous description of some event that takes the reader right into the story. From the very start the writer plunges into the tale. Situation follows situation. The story is all action from the first paragraph to the last."

PROF. PEACOCK GOES
TO CARNEGIE INSTITUTEHas Been in German Universities
For Two Years—An Earlham
Graduate.

Prof. E. L. Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Peacock of this city, will return this week from Germany to take a position in the new Carnegie Institute at New York. He has been in Germany for two years where he has been doing advance work in the universities of Berlin and other cities. He will take up research work at the Carnegie Institute in political economy and history. Prof. Peacock is a graduate of Earlham and also Indiana University. He has done much writing since leaving Richmond among it, contributions to the International Encyclopedia.

ASTOR GOES IN
CASTLE BUSINESS

AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE NOW

REGARDED AS RIVAL OF
ANDREW CARNEGIE.

SENDS AGENTS BROADCAST

American Consul at Constantinople

Making a Hard Pull for Trade—
Chamberlain's Victory.

London, Jan. 21.—The friends of W. W. Astor state that his purchase and extensive restoration of Hever castle in Kent is merely the first step in a castle-buying campaign on an unprecedented scale. Mr. Astor is said to have agents throughout the United Kingdom looking out for half-ruined castles, which he intends to buy and eventually restore to their original condition. Already Mr. Astor has been humorously dubbed the Castle King and hailed as a rival to Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that since the arrival there of the present energetic American consul-general, there has been an extraordinary activity in and promotion of American trade to the detriment of British and other interests. The organization by the American consular agent of exhibitions of American products and the fact that he is even selling large quantities of agricultural machinery cause the leading British firms to deplore the inefficiency of the organization of the British consular system.

Mr. Chamberlain's sweeping victory in Birmingham merely emphasizes, and with dramatic force, the construction placed upon the election result in these dispatches. It wings from his bitterest opponents a generous, though rather awesome tribute with the explanation that Birmingham is merely a personal incident in a national issue. It is more than that, not only did Birmingham vote for Mr. Chamberlain, but in no other constituencies were the issues so clearly defined, and elsewhere the result would have been similar but for such factors as Chinese labor and the incompetency of the late Cabinet.

What Birmingham did yesterday, the other great cities of Great Britain are likely to be doing within five years, and the continued tide of Liberal success can no more be claimed as a detrimental victory for free trade than the recent anti-graft victories could be claimed as a victory for protection as against free trade.

TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE.

According to Supt. of Police Bailey the distributors of sample medicine of any kind will have to comply strictly with the city ordinance regarding the distribution of their medicine either in packages or in bottles. They will also be required to keep off lawns. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$25, for each offense.

A Penurious Man.

Some fathers are so unreasonable. Here is a millionaire New Yorker who is raising a tuneless roar because his daughter is not satisfied to spend \$200 a day, but wants enough more to enable her to pay street car fare after a hard day's shopping.

Just think of being obliged to live on a miserable little old \$200 bill a day! Of course she doesn't have to pay board, living at home, but what of that? Suppose she should want to buy a French count, warranted sound of limb and a free spender, who had been marked down to \$49.98 as a bargain day sacrifice, where would she be with her little old pin money?

It may be all right for any one who wants to buy a husband and automobiles on the dollar down and dollar a week plan, but you can see at once that a business transaction of that sort is far from satisfactory to a girl with a sensitive soul.

Not All Women.

"You can't believe half of the stories travelers tell."

"No?"

"I was down in Boston for the first time last week, and I actually saw a man."

The Annual Visitation.

Secure your tickets early for the January thaw. Which comes around about this time. According to some law. With coughs and colds and rheumatism. And grip its choicest fruits. And makes us wish that Santa Claus Had brought us rubber boots.

Great Racing Ahead

Trotters and Pacers Due For
a Brilliant Season—New
England Outlook.

To the horseman the immediate future has a very rosy look. The darkest cloud in sight is the limited supply of high grade animals. The demand for all sorts of first class horses has never been so strong as now. Top quality workers, sulkies, roadsters, coaches, racers, are being sought and are bringing more in the open market than any time in the past, and the breeder who can produce marketable horses is sure of handsome profits.

The harness racing this year promises even greater brilliancy than the turf has ever known. At this distance the crown worn by Lou Dillon seems safe, but the battle for campaigning horses, which for 1905 went to Sadie Mc, will be an interesting one. There is every likelihood of some sensational pacing miles, and Dan Patch and Audubon Boy will both be in training. The 1:55 1/4 behind a wind break will not be one of the objects of the New England horse. He will be fitted for a crack at that 1:58 in the open, and if he is given the proper chance he will beat it away off.

Grand old Cresceus is expected to further reduce the trotting stallion record, and there are lots of men who think that despite his age he will be able to reel off a mile in even time.

Glenwood M., 2:07 1/4, the fastest trotting stallion of last year, is looked on as the maker of some sensationally low marks.

The makeup of the grand circuit is now a matter of doubt, but there is no question as to its being as strong as of old. The increased number of fast record horses means that the fields will be larger than ever. Detroit, Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Reading, Providence, Hartford, Columbus and Cincinnati will be in line, as will Lexington, with its big independent meeting. The stewards may be asked to give Readville a two weeks' date, a request which should be granted, for a ten days' stay in Boston next August would be just to the liking of owners and trainers. Cleveland is still on the doubtful list, and it will be well into spring before its position is known.

Saugus and Worcester will follow their usual plan of holding meetings to meet the demands of the men racing horses. Hartford is counted upon to help out the half mile track circuit with an early summer and an October meeting. In New Hampshire, Dover and Nashua will be in the game. These, with the few independent meetings and the various fairs, will fill the New England season from the middle of June until Nov. 1.

From all that can be learned managers of the circuit tracks are lending an ear to the demand for richer purses for the fast record horses. In the past the trotters with records of 2:08 or

GLENWOOD M., 2:07 1/4, FASTEST TROTTER
STALLION OF 1905.

better have had to race for the ordinary purse, as have the pacers in the 2:07 list, while green and slow record steeds have had unlimited opportunities to race for \$5,000 and \$10,000 prizes.

A \$5,000 purse for a 2:05 or a 2:06 pace all the way down the line would furnish a series of turf battles the like of which has never been seen and which would fill every grand stand on the circuit. The fast trotters should be looked after as well. There are now enough of these fast record horses to make rich early closing events for them as profitable for the association from an entrance money point of view as those of the slower classes.

New England will be very prominent on the turf this year, and it is not unreasonable to expect a better showing than ever. Its greatest strength will come from the stable Lon McDonald will race for Ralph Williams. In Glenwood M., 2:07 1/4, Mr. Williams had the fastest racing trotting stallion of 1905, and in the natural order of things he should hold the honor another year. He is young, sound and has demonstrated that he can beat 2:06, so that he will have to show only a slight improvement to stand only second to Cresceus as a campaigning record holder.

There are a couple of green pacers in the east who will get their share of the change, Laura Bellini and Hal Direct. The mare has shown a mile in 2:04, and the stallion has been in 2:09 1/4. The picking in the pacing stakes this year will be mighty tough, for there are at least four green ones besides Laura and Hal who have the Indian sign of 2:05 tacked to them.

The green trotters of 1906 will be a pretty poor lot if they do not show up better than those of last year. A dozen have shown better than 2:11, and from them should come one which will be a really high class performer.

The Pacer Cashwood.
The pacer Cashwood, 2:11 1/4, will be used in the Pittsburg matinees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPRESENTATIVE.

W. S. RATLIFF is a candidate for Representative from Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

STATE SENATOR.

ROSCOE E. KIRKMAN is a candidate for State Senator, subject to the Republican nomination. d&w

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

RICHARD N. ELLIOTT of Fayette County is a candidate for Joint Representative of Wayne and Fayette Counties, subject to the Republican nomination.

CLERK.

HARRY PENNY is a candidate for clerk of the Wayne Circuit Court, subject to the Republican nomination.

AUDITOR.

D. S. COE is a candidate for Auditor of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

TREASURER.

B. B. MYRICK is a candidate for treasurer of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

WILFRED JESSUP is a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Republican nomination.

COMMISSIONER.

C. E. WILEY is a candidate for Commissioner of Wayne County (Eastern district) subject to the Republican nomination.

T. E. CLARK is a candidate for Commissioner of Wayne County (Western District) subject to the Republican nomination.

SHERIFF.

LINUS MEREDITH is a candidate for Sheriff of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

ALBERT A. STEEN is a candidate for Sheriff of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

CORONER.

DR. G. A. MOTTIER is a candidate for Coroner of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

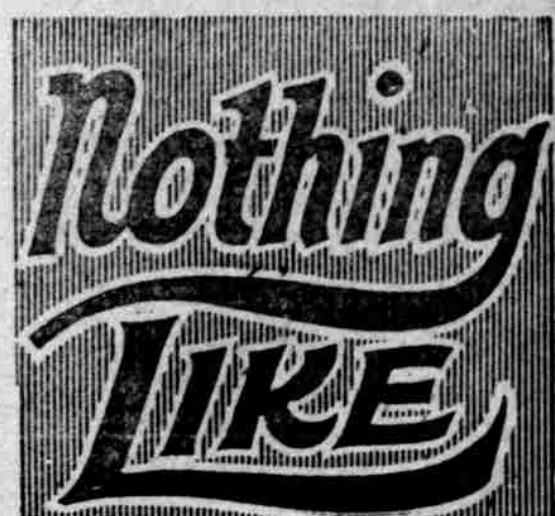
DR. MORA BULLA is a candidate for Coroner of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

DR. A. L. BRAMKAMP is a candidate for Coroner of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

FOR ASSESSOR.

ALPHEUS G. COMPTON is a candidate for County Assessor, subject to the Republican nomination.

M. W. MARINE is a candidate for County Assessor, subject to the Republican nomination.



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